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# Base supports Balikatan

A team from Yokota recently returned from supporting Exercise Balikatan 2000.

One aircraft and 15 people from the base deployed to the Republic of the Philippines Feb. 16 to support the combined/joint exercise. Balikatan 2000, which can be translated as "shouldering the load" is designed to improve planning, combat readiness and interoperability of military troops for a wide range of operations from humanitarian assistance to peace keeping. The exercise also enhanced security relations and demonstrated U.S. resolve to support the Republic of the Philippines against external aggression consistent with the Mutual Defense Treaty and Visiting Forces Agreement. It consisted of two phases. Phase I took place from Jan. 31-Feb. 6 and consisted of a Joint Task Force Seminar.

During the two weeks of Phase II, which got underway Feb. 21, members of the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines took part in the cross training of operations forces, an amphibious operation as well as several humanitarian and civic assistance events at sites on Luzon and Palawan. Engineering specialists assisted with the construction of schools and water systems at various locations around the country. Medical and dental professionals also treated people at more remote locations, and veterinary doctors even treated animals.

"We actually did three missions while there," said Capt. Andrew McIntyre, deployed aircraft commander. "The first was to deploy a medical team to one of the outlying islands, called Palawan. The second mission was to take the media to Palawan during the exercise's media day. The third mission was to take the medical team back to Manila.

"It went pretty well overall," he said. "It was an excellent training opportunity and was good to help out. Everything went smoothly and the Philippine people were very receptive."

Search-and-rescue operations were also a part of Balikatan with two Air Force HH-60 helicopters from the 33rd Rescue Squadron, Kadena Air Base, Japan, and a C-130 Hercules from the 36th Airlift Squadron, Yokota Air Base, Japan, took part. Other Air Force aircraft used to transport troops and supplies included C-17s, C-141s and C-5s.

Balikatan is the largest U.S. military exercise with the Armed Forces of the Philippines. (PACAF News Service)

# DRIVIN' TO THE TOP

## 374th Trans honored with two PACAF awards

by Staff Sgt. Alan Williams  
374th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

The 374th Transportation Squadron recently earned two PACAF awards for providing exceptional service to the Pacific theater and for its role in preparing the 374th Airlift Wing for deployments.

The squadron was awarded the National Defense Transportation Association Military Unit Award and the best Combat Readiness and Resources Flight.

"Not only were we the only squadron-level unit to be rated Outstanding during the CERI (Combat Employment Readiness Inspection), we excelled at pretty much every scenario," said 1st Lt. Timothy Bunnell, commander of the Combat Readiness and Resources Flight. "The squadron has a lot to be proud of."

Take for instance the Vehicle Maintenance Flight which kept 96 percent of the wing's vehicle fleet in service and ensured 69 percent of the vehicles turned in for maintenance were returned to their units within 24 hours.

Not to be outdone by the maintenance troops, the Vehicle Operations



photo by Staff Sgt. Alan Williams

**Senior Airman Michael Fletcher, left, and Airman 1st Class Josh Sullivan, both from the 374th Transportation Squadron, attach a parachute to a heavy load in preparation to be dropped from a C-130. The load itself weighs approximately 3,200 pounds and gently floats to the ground via a 64-foot low velocity chute.**

Flight supported more than 42,000 requests for vehicles, transported more than 370,000 passengers on a day-to-day basis and still found time to move more than 25 million pounds of cargo.

Naturally, the Traffic Management Flight couldn't go unheard from since they moved more than 12,000 temporary duty and permanent change of station passengers, completed more than 5,100 personal property shipments and

moved more than 26,500 cargo shipments to worldwide destinations.

There are three similarly structured combat readiness and resources flights in PACAF, but it is the diversity of mission that makes this flight stand apart from others in the command.

"Melding the diverse missions of combat readiness and combat mobility elements into one smooth running op-

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# USFJ boots up Battle Lab

By Staff Sgt. Cindy York  
Air Force Print News

YOKOTAIR BASE, Japan — With technology continuing to change, the Air Force is always looking for better ways to do business. During the recent Japan-wide command post exercise Keen Edge 2000, one initiative from the Air Force's Force Protection Battlelab at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, was tested, and lauded by users at Yokota, as a giant technological success.

The Force Protection Command and Control System, or FPC2, was first field-tested in Pacific Air Forces at Foal Eagle '99 in Korea. Although the FPC2 was used for base-level command, control, communications and computer information, people in United States Forces Japan had bigger goals in mind for the project.

The system, which greatly enhances commanders' situational awareness, was introduced to the Air Force in the spring of 1999 at the 2nd Force Protection Equipment Demonstration at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va. Senior Master Sgt. Don Lowe, FPB concepts division, and Col. Al Riggle, USFJ Provost Marshall, saw the FPC2 and developed ideas for use at all command levels in Japan.

Currently defined as an advanced concept technology demonstration, or ACDT, the FPC2 basically provides a tool for tracking virtually anything in a given theater of operations. For example,

during Keen Edge 2000, USFJ headquarters was the primary command and control operations center. They needed to know — and keep track of — everything from terrorist threats to incidents happening within all military facilities in Japan.

Prior to the FPC2, exercise inputs such as a sabotaged fuel line, and the hundreds of other incidents a day, were marked on a wall map with grease pencils. While plotting information gathered from messages sent by the affected area, the map got rather confusing, according to Lowe.

With the computer-based system, highly detailed maps of each area involved in the exercise are logged into the computer and can be drawn up with the click of a mouse. Information is plotted into the program in layers. This means when looking at a particular incident, excess information can be added or taken away to make it easier to decipher. Then, specialists can quickly and more accurately analyze the situation and send their analysis to the affected base. In return, base commanders can develop effective countermeasures and appropriate responses for the affected installation.

Plus, each affected area, or base cluster as they were called in Keen Edge 2000, would have their own computer system, allowing them to update their own incidents, with the information instantly available on every system within the theater. This would eliminate

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# Dover officer accepts Article 15 punishment for anthrax refusal

DOVER AIR FORCE BASE, Del. (AFPN) — Maj. Sonnie Bates, who has been accused of disobeying a lawful order from a superior officer, has withdrawn his prior request to be tried by court-martial.

On Feb. 15, he requested and accepted nonjudicial punishment proceedings under Article 15 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

In addition, Col. S. Taco Gilbert III, 436 Airlift Wing commander, granted Bates' request to terminate court martial proceedings.

Bates received an order Dec. 1, 1999, to be inoculated with the anthrax vaccine, an order he refused.

An election to accept nonjudicial punishment proceedings does not constitute an admission of guilt, nor does it legally equate to a "conviction." Rather, it reflects a decision to accept less formal disciplinary proceedings.

Under Article 15, a member accused of an offense is allowed to present evidence to the commander instead of presenting it to a panel of members or military judge as would occur in a formal

court-martial proceeding.

If, after considering all evidence, the commander determines that punishment is appropriate, the maximum that may be imposed in this case is a forfeiture of one-half pay for two months, 60 days restriction, 30 days arrest in quarters and a reprimand.

Contrary to rumors, the Department of Defense has no intention of suspending the anthrax immunization program. In fact, Yokota is continuing to immunize all personnel who fall into the Phase I category.

With this shot, the call is a no brainer, according to Lt. Col. Timothy Jex, 374th Medical Group deputy commander. "The threat is significant, the vaccine works and it's clearly one of the safest vaccinations we give."

To date, more than 1,100 people from Yokota have started the anthrax vaccination series. Six of these people

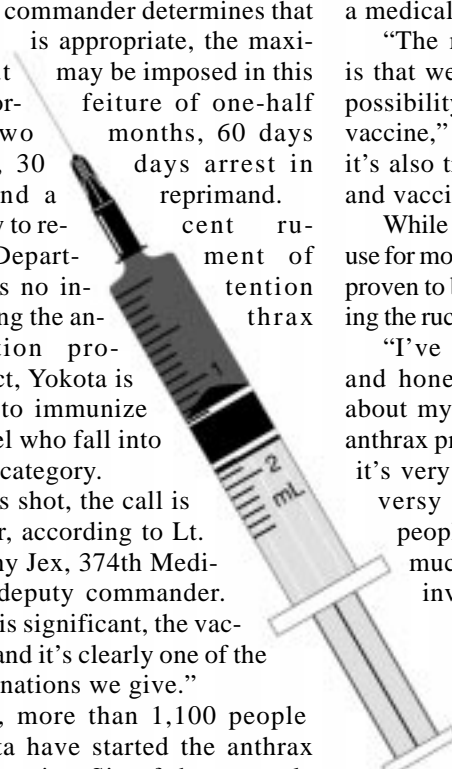
have reported adverse reactions due to the shot with only one person receiving a medical waiver.

"The most common concern I hear is that we can't absolutely rule out the possibility of long-term effects from the vaccine," said Jex. "Well, that's true. But it's also true of every other medication and vaccines we administer."

While the anthrax vaccine has been in use for more than 25 years, other shots have proven to be more harmful while not causing the ruckus that this vaccine has caused.

"I've received my first three shots and honestly have more reservations about my yearly flu shot than I do the anthrax program," said Jex. "Personally, it's very frustrating to see the controversy that has been stirred up by people who apparently don't have much understanding of the science involved."

People who would like more information about the anthrax program or the vaccine itself should call the Public Health Office at 225-4360. (Courtesy of AMC News Service)



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the need for wall maps overburdened with grease pencil markings.

With the ability to employ the system at higher levels of command, such headquarters as Pacific Command and PACAF, though separated by an ocean, would have the same information at the same time. With the click of a mouse, someone in Hawaii could drill down to a specific incident and see exactly what is going on, and even see a picture of the area in question, which is hyperlinked to the program. Near real-time information sharing would occur at all levels of command.

Riggle said the demonstration, which was the first such exhibition on a regional level, went extremely well at Yokota.

"The demonstration went great. It was a limited demonstration with only three computers. But, everyone involved clearly saw an opportunity to improve situational awareness."

The ACTD, if deemed to be a worthwhile investment, would begin a three-five year concept development within USFJ to see if it will meet future. Then, if approved at the end of the development process, would be quickly implemented within the theater and available to other theaters, as well.

"It's going to be a tool," Riggle said. "It's not something that will change the world, but, will allow people at different levels to make smart decisions quickly."

If that's not a step to changing the world, what is?

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eration is a constant challenge and takes a lot of work" said Senior Master Sgt. Phillip Erway, chief of the Combat Readiness and Resources Flight. Also listed among the unit's achievements are initiatives that have saved Uncle Sam a whopping \$906,000.

During the CERF, the unit was lauded for the effectiveness of its Cargo Reception Unit, where inspectors noted cargo in-checkers were the first to perfect the use of the Wing Material List. The WML was used to pinpoint the arrival of more than 354 tons of freight at the CRU for transfer to sponsor units.

"From the beginning of the year, we made it (winning) a flight goal. When we didn't win best readiness flight last year, we made it our goal to be the best this year. And to see that goal become a reality is just indescribable," said Erway.



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# Services offers something for everyone

By Rick Ferree

374th Services Division Director

Have you ever heard someone say, "There's nothing to do here?" Perhaps you've uttered those very words yourself. Suppose I told you of an organization that helps you find everything from fine dining, to concerts featuring the biggest stars, to trips that allow you to experience the beautiful culture of Japan at a price you can afford. I'm talking about the finest cuisine, the best entertainment this side of the Pacific, and top-notch childcare facilities that make any adult long to be a kid again. A business that has the friendliest employees, professionally trained to identify and meet the needs and expectations of overseas personnel and their families. This team meets you when you arrive with a bus tour and free give aways that get you off to a "Right Start" the moment you land!

This company of great excellence works extra hard to cut personal expense when it comes to combat support and meeting the needs of the base through community service. Last year they saved their customers over \$75,000 in direct costs on recreational, cultural, and special interest tours. Just to improve the already beautiful forest getaway, they oversaw a \$20 million facelift to "your vacation home," which also offers horseback riding, camping, paintball, luxurious dining and much more. By now some of you may be saying to yourself "you've got to be kidding" and "if it sounds too good to be true ... it is!" You're wrong! Your Yokota Services Division is proud of the dedication and effort you provide to the mission everyday, and our job is to make sure you enjoy the "other" part of your life!

Stay with me, now. I want to make sure you fully understand everything that we have to offer. Your leadership recognizes that life on this base isn't just "moving cargo and personnel;" it's also taking care of the hardworking men and women, as well as their families. I've already broken the surface of what's available to you; now it's time to get into the meat. Services provides a number of different places to enjoy a meal, keep your kids engaged, or have some fun on or off Yokota Air Base.

Start the day off right by picking up some donuts and pastries at Sunrise Bakery. Are you up for a different buffet lunch everyday, followed by a fantastic dinner



every night? Stop by Charlie T's and try the terrific food that Chef Carol and her team puts together. Do you like traditional Chinese? Try Sho-Ichiban, in the east Shoppette building—they have a big selection of all your favorites. How about a deli sandwich, spaghetti, or lasagna? One of our best-kept secrets is the Firehouse Deli and Pumproom next to the West Elementary. Not enough selection, you say? How about Suzuki's Café in the Yujo, offering fine French cuisine on a Tijuana budget. Or, grab a seat at the Sip N Surf in the Yujo Annex and have a wrap while you rap, or some java while you ride the internet wave. Up for some action while you eat? Tomodachi Lanes offers free bowling during lunch if you're hungry for the BBQ Shack. Burgers, sandwiches, and more are waiting to bid you G'Day at either the Outback or Boomerang.

Kids love the Boys and Girls Club of Yokota, also known as the Youth Center. The fantastic programs like Power Hour study time, Torch and Keystone leadership clubs, as well as the wide variety of youth sports offered year long, all complement the already active instructional programs in martial arts, music, and dance. Your teenagers have a great place all their own, too. A full-size indoor basketball court, recreational and dance rooms, and the always popular computer lab make this a great place to hang out. If it's preschool childcare that you need, the Kibo and Yume child development centers offer care, but your best bet may be a referral from the Family Child Care office to one of the warm and loving homes on the base. Before and after school your youngsters might like to participate in the School Age Program, recently one of the first in PACAF to achieve national accreditation.

Okay, time for fun. Do you go to the Natatorium, with it's Olympic-size swimming pool, aerobics training room, and cardio-aerobic workout room that puts many professional clubs to shame and was named "Best in PACAF?" Should we stay home with a just-released movie from Golden Video? Or, is a night of fun, excitement, and dancing in order ... both clubs offer it all, with a different flavor every night of the week! If you're a beginner

golfer, learn how to use your new clubs at the Par 3 on base ... when you've got the "swing" of it, graduate to Tama Hills Golf Course and experience a professional-caliber course at the "municipal" price. Time to head off-base—both the Yujo and Outdoor Recreation offer a wide variety of trips and tours to help you get the most out of your experience in Japan! From snowboard and skiing trips to camping and canoeing to cultural festivals and entertainment—we've got it!

All right, so none of those things fit your definition of "fun." That's okay – there's more! Trying to put higher education first? Teaching the kids how to read and don't have the books to do it? Your base Library was rated the "Best in PACAF" and I'm sure they have something to offer, either in a book, magazine, or through on-line research. Do you like woodworking ... framing ... want to learn a Japanese cultural skill like making Obi ties and working with washi paper? Stop in at Skills Development, which will soon open "Ctrl-Alt-Delete," a new program to develop your computer and technical skills. Your car is giving you trouble? Want to finally learn what a "flux capacitor" is? Auto Skills is the knuckle-scraping place to get your hands greasy. I know ... you need to get off this base and you want to fly out of here! No problem! The Flight Training Center puts you in the cockpit and sends you on your way! Heck, you might even feel like you're in Canada when you "take off, eh!"

Rover and Muffy feel left out ... or do they? When you first arrive or take a vacation, the Pet Boarding Facility takes care of them just like you would. And, when they don't feel so good or need their shots, the Vet Clinic is open to take care of them!

The 374th Services Division exists to provide the best possible customer service through unparalleled morale, welfare, and recreational programming. We realize our success lies in our ability to fulfill your expectations. If we're doing that, then we pat ourselves on the back for a job well-done, and come back tomorrow and try to do it again! I promise that your satisfaction is our top priority ... if you're not pleased, let us know so we can fix it! If you are happy, take a minute and let us know, either by talking to the manager on duty, or by filling in a Customer Satisfaction Survey. With your help and continued support, together we'll make this truly "the best assignment in the Air Force!"

**Q:** I was just informed by an employee of the BX2 that supervisors there said it's okay to sell chocolate and other merchandise to Japanese employees. I'm wondering if the base policy changed.

I spent the weekend shopping in the BX along with many, Japanese citizens who did not have ID cards even when I asked them if they did. I am very upset that anybody can shop in our stores.

**A:** There is no policy change for shopping at the base exchanges. Neither Japanese National employees nor

anyone not sponsored by the Status of Forces Agreement is authorized to purchase merchandise in our facilities. The BX manager personally provided refresher training for the AAFES staff to reinforce the policy. Patrons must present a valid ID card to buy items. According to the AAFES general manager, any violations from this policy will be dealt with in a very strict manner.

**Q:** I'd like to have a vegetable garden on

## Action Line

base. I contacted CE Real Estate who told me Outdoor Recreation is in charge of garden plots. Outdoor Recreation told me they submitted a plan to CE Real Estate that hasn't been approved yet. Ms. Ivey, there suggested I call the Action Line to get this resolved.

**A:** First, we need to apologize for the run around. Yokota's Garden Plot program was canceled in Nov. 1998. The old garden plots were located in our flightline's "clear zone"

and were required to be moved. At that time there was a plan to relocate them to a spot between Friendship Field and Tachikawa Field, but this proposal did not receive the support or funding to install water lines and fencing to make the plots a reality.

Since the closure, your's is the first request we are aware of. If a significant portion of our base population expresses interest in having garden plots, the issue can be re-addressed. Until then, scarce funding resources will continue to be spent on projects that have broader quality of life impacts.

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The Action Line is your direct line to Col. Mark Zamzow, 374th Airlift Wing commander.

Use the Action Line if you have questions or comments about Yokota, which couldn't be resolved by your chain of command. When you call, leave your name and phone number so you can be reached if more information is needed. Your identity won't be released to the public. Subjects affecting the base population will be published in the Fuji Flyer.



**Col. Mark Zamzow**  
374th Airlift Wing  
commander



Safety Meeting

The flight training center will be having a safety meeting at 9 a.m. March 4 in Bldg. 4304. For more information, call Regina Watkins at 225-8988.

Disaster services

There will be an introduction to disaster services at 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 4 at the Red Cross Office in Bldg. 4018. For more information, call 225-7522.

Ski trip

Outdoor recreation is offering a two day trip to Nagano March 8-10. Cost is \$249 per person and includes transportation, two nights lodging, four meals and two all-day lift tickets. For more information, call 225-4552.

Instructors needed

Wing safety is looking for Motorcycle Safety Foundation instructor candidates. Training will be conducted at NAF Atsugi April 3-13. The training will be considered TDY, paid by wing safety. To be eligible for the course, individuals need 18 months retainability at Yokota and be an experienced motorcyclist. Pick up applications in Bldg. 315, Suite 223. For more information, call 225-7233.

YJEC meeting

The Yokota Junior Enlisted Council will meet at 3 p.m. March 24 in the Yujo Community Center. Nominations for officers will be taken at this time. For more information, call Senior Airman Matt Miller at 225-8834.

Family bingo

The Yujo Community Center is having family bingo from 3 to 6 p.m. Saturday.

Tutors needed

The Teen Center is looking for volunteers for their tutoring program held 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays. For more information, call 225-6793.

Awards banquet

The 5th Air Force annual awards banquet is 6 p.m. March 16 in the officers' club. Guest speaker is retired Lt. Gen. Winton Marshall. Contact unit first sergeant for more information.

Buddhism seminar

There will be a seminar on Buddhism from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in the Family Support Center auditorium. For more information, call 227-2533.

St. Patrick's Day

The New Sanno Hotel is having a St. Patrick's Day celebration from 3 to 11:30 p.m. March 17. There will be entertainment and free appetizers. For more information, call 229-7151.

Birthday meal

For people with birthdays in January, February or March, the Samurai cafe invites you and one guest to a special dinner. The meal is from 6 to 7 p.m. March 23 and is free for the member. Make reservations by March 21 by calling 225-8870.

Resource day

Yokota East Elementary will have a school-wide community resource day from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. March 24. Community members will have the opportunity to share

career skills, family culture and special interests. There will be static displays of vehicles such as a fire truck, ambulance and fork lift. Volunteers are needed. To would like to share a talent, special interest, or career skill, call 225-5503.

Customer appreciation

The Samurai Cafe is having a customer appreciation meal from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 29. For more information, call 225-8870.

OSC Spring Bazaar

Applications are being accepted from private organizations wishing to sell food items or sponsor an activity table at the Yokota Officers' Spouses' Club Spring Asian Bazaar held April 15-16. Sign up by March 17. For information, call 227-2342.

# Above & Beyond

**Who: Capt. Dan Abshere**  
**Reason: He is the president of the 36th Airlift Squadron Eagle Airlifters, which supports the squadron in morale activities. Abshere also coordinates the homeless ministry program, which helps to provide food and clothing to 250 off-base homeless families each week. He also participates in the chapel's Leadership 101 series and serves as an usher on Sundays. In addition, Abshere is a volunteer coach for youth football.**

## Advertisement

## Advertisement

**Free:** Only to a good home 7 year old female Miniature Pinscher, black and tan. We hate to give her up but if you can give her as much love. 227-3449. (1)

**Wanted:** Christian babysitter needed for infant. May-September. Must be willing to work with single mothers' income. Serious inquires only. 227-3033. (1)

**Wanted:** Fence material for garden housing. If you are transferring and want to sell or give away your fence material. 227-4944. (1)

**Wanted:** New to the area and need air conditioners. 227-4944. (1)

**Wanted:** Looking for a changing table for a baby. 227-3985. (1)

**Wanted:** White baby crib and/or dresser. 227-2163.(1)

**Lost:** A4-year-old black cat with medium long hair. He is wearing a purple collar with an orange rabies tag. He was lost on the Eastside on Feb 15. He answers to the name of Scamper. Offering \$50 reward to anyone who finds and returns him. 227-9280. (1)

**For sale:** White satin wedding gown, hand made, sequence, never worn, \$700 OBO. 227-8963.

**For sale:** Dalmatian puppy, male, pure bred with papers and vaccinated, needs loving home, \$200; medium-size kennel, \$40, size small leather pants, never been worn, \$75 OBO. 090-7011-6758 or 227-4213. (1)

**For sale:** Glider/rocking chair, \$50; L. L. Bean child carrier, \$40; Johnny Jump up bouncer, \$10; baby clothing for boys, 3 months - 2T; toys and stuffed animals, all in good condition. 227-4257. (1)

**For sale:** Nice oval Formica top dining set with leaf and four matching padded swivel chairs, excellent condition \$150; HP color printer \$75, long wooden Buddhist Prayer old, \$125. 227-2443. (1)

**For sale:** 9x12 navy carpet with pad, \$75; 6x9 etched gray carpet, \$40; two 6x9 wine carpets, \$20 each; two 12,000 BTU air conditioners, \$50 each. 227-8360. (1)

**For sale:** JVC Dolby ProLogic receiver, JVC dual tapedeck, Sony MDP LD/CD player, all in excellent condition, all for \$100 OBO. 227-4400. (1)

**For sale:** 10 gal. aquarium, \$20; two mountain bikes (Cultec & Huffy) \$35 ea.; lawn mower and weed eater, \$10; video game chair, \$10; Zunow 14-gear racing bike, \$750; bicycle traveling bag, \$175; pinball machine, \$100, Quasar microwave, \$40; Yamaha piano, \$800; 4-piece living room set, excellent condition \$1000; large grandfather clock w/ curio side \$1000; TV stand with cabinets \$10. 227-7336. (1)

**For sale:** SeaQuest ADV Spectrum2 BC, used twice, recently bench tested and in excellent condition, size-medium, new \$289, will sell for \$100 OBO. 227-4400. (1)

**For sale:** Men and women's skies, bindings, poles and carrying bags, \$20 each set; men and women's ski boots with boot carriers; \$10 a pair. 227-5930. (1)

**For sale:** Kelty Child carrier backpack. A must for kids how like to ride on your bike! Like new; paid over \$200, asking \$85. 227-5930. (1)

**For sale:** Bose AS-3 floor speaker stands, optimize your speakers performance with these sturdy stands, \$25; leave a message after Japanese recording 553-2012. (1)

**For sale:** 19 inch Sharp TV with instructions, original box and packaging, \$120; Japanese style kerosene brand new with box and instructions, used once, \$100. 227-4280/090-2169-9776. (1)

**PSC sale:** Air conditioners 18,000 BTU, \$125, 8,000 BTU, \$150; two carpets, Driftwood,12x15, \$100/ \$75, two beige and one blue, \$50 each. 227-2267. (1)

**PSC sale:** White semi-sheers with blue blousing valance and rods, \$100; oak entertainment center with side shelves, \$175; charcoal grill with side tables, \$75. 227-2267. (1)

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**Automobile:** 1988 Mazda Cappella, 4-wheel steering, excellent vehicle, JCI until May , \$600; 1985 Nissan Gloria, black tinted windows, runs great, JCI until May 2001, \$1,500. 227-7336. (1)

**Automobile:** 1992 Nissian Sunny 4-door sedan super saloon, dark gray metallic, CD player, automatic, JCI until November 2001, \$2,000. 227-4277.(1)

**Automobile:** 1991 Honda Integra 2-door coupe, 4-cycle, 2.2 liter engine, rear spoiler, air conditioning, four new tires, 5-speed transmission, power windows and locks, tilt steering, AM/FM cassette stereo, good condition, \$2,500 OBO. 227-2365.(1)

**Automobile:** 1989 Toyota Corona, dark gray, 4-door, air, cassette radio, power windows, steering and locks, 65,000km, runs good, JCI until July 2001, \$1,100 OBO. 0425-30-6897 or 090-4399-7023.(1)

**Automobile:** 1989 Subaru Domingo Van, JCI until Feb. 2002, low miles, great shape, \$1,800 OBO. 225-4510.(1)

**Automobile:** 1992 Nissan EXSA, runs great, T-top, power windows, cassette, \$2,500 OBO. 0425-30-2842.(1)

**Automobile:** 1989 Toyota Trueno, 2-tone, JCI until October, \$1,500 OBO, available the end of March. 227-4670. (2)

**Free:** Two male adult cats, one gray and white, one multi-colored with big blue eyes. 227-4614. (2)

**Automobiles:** 1988 Toyota Levin, white, JCI until March 2001, 2-door, AM/FM cassette, 5-speed, air, \$500 OBO; 1987 Subaru Domingo mini-van, JCI until October, two sliding doors, AM/FM stereo, 5-speed, \$500 OBO. 227-4433. (2)

**Found:** Adult female bike, found on east side, 227-9550. (2)

**For sale:** Bose Lifestyle home sound system, two dual cube speakers, base unit woofer, power system, CD player, control wand, all manuals, one year old, excellent condition, \$900. 241-4423. (2)

**Free:** Black lab, great with kids, house trained, crate trained, 10 months old, very pretty, has manda-

tory ID chip. 227-3220. (2)

**Reward offered:** For information leading to the arrest and prosecution of individual(s) who vandalized a yard on Vosler Street on the east side. Incident occurred between 3 and 5:30 a.m. Feb. 13. 227-2779. (2)

**Automobile:** 1988 Mazda Cappella, 4-wheel steering, excellent vehicle, JCI until May, \$600; 1985 Nissan Gloria, black, tinted windows, runs great, JCI until May 2001, \$1,500. 227-7336. (2)

**For sale:** 10-gallon aquarium, \$20; two mountain bikes, Cultec and Huffy, \$40 each; lawn mower and weedeater, \$15; video game chair, \$10; Zunow 14-gear racing bike, \$800; bicycle traveling bag, \$200; pinball machine, \$100; Quasar microwave, \$40; Yamaha piano, \$800. 227-7336. (2)

**Automobile:** 1989 Toyota Carina ED, automatic, air, power locks, windows and mirrors, 4-wheel steering, AM/FM cassette, excellent condition, well-maintained, JCI until February 2001, \$1,800 OBO. 227-8191. (2)

**Looking:** For the Lebanese woman I met a few months ago the week after she had her baby, would like to share Tabuli or chat in Arabic. 227-9150. (2)

**For sale:** Singer Touch & Sew II Deluxe Zig Zag sewing machine, \$175; Smith Corona typewriter, \$50; small electric floor heater, \$15; Korean mirror chest, \$100; step workout equipment, three levels, \$40; Sony CD player, single disc, \$25. 99-556-4429. (2)

**For sale:** Kenwood KDC-7008 Stealth-face car CD player with remote, \$150; Epson color printer, \$50; rocker/recliner, \$75, all in excellent condition. 227-4159. (2)

**For sale:** Labtec 3010 20-watt computer speakers with Spatializer 3-D Surround Sound, new, cost \$64, sell for \$30; Labtec LCS-1020 amplified 9-watt computer speakers, \$10; Taylor Made Sytem 2 mid-size 9.5 degree driver graphite regular, MRH, used once, cost \$211 at Zama pro shop, sell for \$100; Salton Pasta Del Giorno deluxe pasta maker, new, cost \$199, sell for \$75. 227-3260. (2)

**Automobile:** 1995 BMW 320i, 15,000 km, bur-

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*“It’s tough to make predictions, especially about the future.”*

-- Yogi Berra  
MLB hall of famer



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**Rick Roberts, a technical sergeant with the 374th Operations Support Squadron, goes a few rounds during his nightly work out at a boxing gym near the base. Roberts successfully defended his Japanese Boxing Commission lightweight title for a record 21st time Feb. 21.**

# Roberts ends with record

**By Senior Airman Matt Miller**  
374th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Records are meant to be broken. Cliches over the years have had a way of telling the story when it comes to sporting events and great sporting feats.

In this case, the record that was broken was the number of consecutive title defenses for any Japanese Boxing Commission fighter.

The new record holder — Yokota’s own Rick Roberts. Roberts, a technical sergeant with the 374th Operations Support Squadron, put his JBC lightweight title on the line for the 21st time against the No. 1 featherweight contender, Hironari Oshima Feb. 21 at Tokyo’s Korakuen Hall.

Oshima, who was working on a 12-bout win streak of his own, wasn’t able to overcome the barrage of jabs that Roberts threw at him throughout the fight.

“Boxing is an art and I do everything I can to perfect my art,” Roberts said. “The object is to hit and not get hit. I don’t want to hurt anybody, but I want to win.”

Roberts was awarded the unanimous decision in what could possibly be his last fight in Japan. In June, he will PCS to Hurlburt Field, Fla.

“I keep saying I’m going to quit, but I can’t stop,” he said. “One thing is sure, I’m not going to be fighting forever like Foreman.”

Rumors about Roberts returning to Japan this summer to defend his title have already surfaced, but whether or not this happens, the achievements this “blue suiter” has accomplished shouldn’t be diminished.

He has held JBC titles three times and at one time was ranked fifth in the World Boxing Commission and fourth in the World Boxing Association.

He currently holds a 37-3-1 record with 21 knockouts.

ON THE BENCH

Mar. 3 through Apr. 6

### Yokota Hawks

The Yokota Hawks baseball team will showcase their talents at 1 p.m. Sunday at Darling Field. Show support for Yokota’s base team by attending.

### Coaches needed

The Boys and Girls Club of Yokota is looking for tennis and volleyball coaches. For more information, call Fred McDaniels at 225-7441.

### Bowl-A-Thon

Yokota’s First Sergeants Council is holding a bowl-a-thon to help raise money for the Air Force Assistance Fund. A nine-pin no tap tournament will take place at noon and 3 p.m. March 17 at the Tomadochi Lanes. Teams consist of five people with the first 56 prepaid-teams participating. The entry fee is \$10 which includes shoes and bowling. Contact unit first sergeant to sign up.

### Intramural coaches meetings

There will be an intramural softball coaches meeting at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Yujo Community Center. An intramural golf coaches meeting follows at 3 p.m.

### Youth registration

Boys and Girls Club baseball and softball registration for youths ages 11 to 15 is currently going on until March 15 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Youth Center. For more information, call Fred McDaniels at 225-7441.

### Coaches certification

The Youth Center will hold coaches certification from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 18 and 25 and April 1 at the Youth Center. For more information, call Fred McDaniels at 225-7441.

### Martial arts tournament

There will be an international karate and martial arts tournament from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. March 26 at the Yoyogi 2nd National Gymnasium in Tokyo. Entry forms are available at the Boys and Girls Club of Yokota, the Teen Center, the Main Fitness Center, Natatorium and the Yujo Community Center. Entry is free. For more information, call Yasuko Shimizu at 225-7422.

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